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## 'NEW' SOCCEROOS TO TAKE ON KIWIS IN BENDIGO

IT will be a much changed Socceroo squad that tackles New Zealand in Bendigo on Sunday.

Seven members of the original Olympic Squad will be missing for a variety of reasons. John Kosmina has retired, Vlado Bozinovski and

Frank Farina are trying their luck overseas, Robbie Slater has a back problem, Robbie Dunn has gone back to the West, Wally Savor who

was replaced by Gary van Egmond is still unfit and Alan Hunter has been dropped. So Gary van Egmond who replaced the

luckless Savor is retained and Frank Arok has also brought in Angie Postecoglou, Garry McDowall and Warren Spink. South's Angie

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## It's Martin Woodall's Rothmans Medal

NORTHCOTE City's Martin (Nom) Woodall won the Rothmans Medal on Friday night after a close tussle with Ivan Duzel of St. Albans and Ken Drakeford of Morwell Falcons.

The pity of it all was that Woodall was not there to savour his triumph or to experience the thrill of having the medal presented to him by all-time great Ferenc Puskas.

Instead he was at the Wrest Point Casino on an end of season binge with his clubmates.

Woodall said this week that winning the Medal was an even bigger thrill than playing last year at Wembley.

He came out to Australia as a visa player with Preston Makedonia in the 1986 season but didn't impress and went back home where he joined Kidderminster Harriers of the Vauxhall League.

Harriers won the F.A. Trophy last year, beating Burton Albion in the final.

The first game ended in a 0-0 draw at Wembley before 23,000 spectators, and Harriers won the replay at West Bromwich 2-1.

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# SNIPPETS

By LES SHORROCK

**THIS is the last issue of "Soccer Star" for this year.**

We had hoped to have continued right up to the final of the Dockerty Cup, the traditional end of our season. But is a case of the VSF proposes and the NSL disposes, apparently, so it's farwell until January 1989.

Before we take a break though, we want to say thank you to a few people. To our contributors, Laurie Schwab, Bob Brian, Costa Koutropoulos and Ian Currie.

To all the folks who helped behind the scenes, like (in no particular order) — Eileen, Val, Colleen, Walter, Fred and George, to the staff at Soccer House who were very patient with us.

To our advertisers who believed in us, and most of all to all you soccer supporters out there who bought the paper and kept us going with your comments.

Thanks to all of you; rest assured we will be back in the New Year, better and brighter than ever, to serve Victorian soccer. **Les Shorrock.**

**Events aren't panning out too well for the VSF at the moment, in fact you could say the hierarchy is having a bad trot, and its credibility is taking a battering.**

They say troubles come in threes, and the VSF has collected a purfer of a trifecta recently.

First of all, there's the matter of the Dockerty Cup.

The craven way in which the Board of Management capitulated to the interest of a few NSL clubs over the timing of the Cup... always referred to as "our most prestigious competition is sickeningly reminiscent of the time when a couple of clubs bullied the VSF into enlarging the State League so that they wouldn't be relegated."

I thought we had put those days behind us with the advent of Jack Reilly and his new broom, but apparently we haven't... there are non-elected office-holders who can still wield more power than Board members, it appears and they will continue to do so until the Board members stand up for themselves.

The reasons for postponing the Cup are spurious, what guarantee has the VSF got that when the Cup is played that the NSL clubs will honour the competition by playing their strongest teams?

Then there is the matter of the re-organisation of the League's or the relocation of clubs, to use the official phrase.

I attended the indignation meeting at the Nunawading clubrooms purely as an observer and what came through loud and clear that night from all the clubs present was the complete lack of faith in the VSF.

I think Jack Reilly's ideas are sound, what he is trying to do is overdue, will benefit the game in the long run, and more power to his elbow.

But... and it is a big but, the idea should have been sold to the clubs better. There's a big credibility gap between the VSF and the clubs, the situation was ripe for someone to make mischief and a fellow who has been in the game for a long time and wasn't representing his club that night did just that.

So if Jack Reilly and his Board have a rough time of it at the Annual General Meeting next month, they have only themselves to blame.

As far as I could ascertain that Wednesday night, most of the clubs present didn't know what was going to happen to them and all they understood was that a journalist had written that some of them would be going down not one but two divisions and they were hopping mad about it.

**Lastly, there was the matter of the Rothmans Medal that was never presented.**

One newspaper report said that the winner had been asked to attend, the player himself flatly denies it.

Whether that's right or wrong, the fact remains that he should have been got to the

Southern Cross Hotel by hook or by crook.

In the event, Victoria's most prestigious night of nights went as flat as a bottle of warm beer when George Wallace had to announce that the winner wasn't present.

Rothmans, as ASF Chairman Ian Brusasco pointed out in his speech have now handed out 104 medals to the different federations... they deserved better than that.

The talent drain is gathering momentum. The latest players to join in the headlong rush to Europe are Paul Wade and Graham Arnold, both of whom will be leaving straight after Sunday's Trans Tasman Cup.

Doesn't it ever strike you as ludicrous that Europe imports our players whilst our successful clubs keep on importing Yugoslav coaches?

Is it because they are cheap?

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**I'm sure everyone enjoyed comedian Brian Doyle at the Bill Fleming Award dinner (that's the one where the winner WAS present but what a lot of people won't have heard about was Brian's generous gesture.**

He rushed in from another function and said to Offside Club president Roger Hampson, "quick, tell me who the main personalities are here tonight."

Roger said, "well we've got Jack Reilly, George Wallace... and of course there's Ferenc Puskas."

Soccer-mad Brian grabbed him by the arm. "Puskas," he said. "Puskas... do you mean THE Puskas, the one and only?"

"Yes," says Roger, taken aback, "he's over there."

"My God," says Brian, "I've wanted to meet him ever since 1953... introduce me to him and I'll waive my fee!"

And for once in his life he wasn't joking... he met Puskas and did his turn for nothing.

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**A couple of weeks ago I wrote that talented Alistair Edwards had been lost to Australian soccer, and had been signed by Rangers but happily it isn't so.**

Edwards has been snapped by Sydney Olympic's enterprising coach Eddie Thomson, over in Scotland for a refresher course.

Edwards explained that whilst he was very happy at the famous Ibrox club he felt he would never break into the first team, because as he puts it, "every time they want to make a change they go out and buy another player."

So one has returned but there are still a lot of Australian players playing in Europe.

How many do you think?

Have a stab at working it out and then look at the list printed upside down on page 13, I think you'll be staggered.

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## INDOOR TITLE KICKS OFF NEXT THURSDAY

**ROBBIE** Noggler and Radovan Filipovic, who scored more than 130 goals between them last season, will spearhead Australia's assault on the World Indoor Soccer Championship which starts in Canberra next Thursday.

The opening game, at the Australian Institute of Sport, will be between Australia and Italy. The two teams then move to Melbourne where they will complete their Group A matches against Hungary and Uruguay at the Melbourne Sports and Entertainment Centre.

Noggler, formerly with the Geelong CC's Cats, now commutes to Sydney where he plays with the Parramatta Spartans. Last year he was voted best player in the National Indoor Soccer League even though he missed six games. He also finished with the haul of 52 goals.

Filipovic, of White Eagles Fairfield, scored more than 80 goals. "He can make the ball sing," says Joe Brent, the president of the Australian Indoor Soccer Federation.

John Metaxas if the Melbourne Buffaloes who are on top of the NSL ladder, would have completed a formidable attacking trio but he no longer is in the Australian squad as outdoor soccer with Western Suburbs prevented him from doing the required training. Metaxas, formerly of Heidelberg-Alexander, was the main destroyer of the Sydney Tornados as the Buffaloes won 4-2 in front of an enthusiastic crowd of about 300 at the Ascot Vale Leisure Centre on Saturday night.

Tornados featured Hilton Silva, the former Sydney Hakoah and Maroon star who also played for the Socceroos. He also assists the national indoor soccer coach, Nick Nikolopoulos.

The groups for the world championship are:  
Group A: Australia, Uruguay, Italy, Hungary.  
Group B: Paraguay, Canada, England, Portugal.  
Group C: Spain, Argentina, Costa Rica, Mexico.  
Group D: Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Japan, USA.

### First-round draw:

**October 20:** Opening ceremony 6.30pm, followed by Australia v. Italy at The Palace, National Sports Institute, Canberra.

**October 21** (first games 7pm): Brazil v. Japan, and USA v. Czechoslovakia, the Palace, Canberra; Spain v. Mexico and Costa Rica v. Argentina at Beaton.

**Park Stadium, Wollongong.**  
**October 22:** Paraguay v. Canada, Portugal v. England at Valley Indoor Sports Centre, Moe; USA v. Japan, Brazil v. Czechoslovakia at The Palace, Canberra; Hungary v. Italy, Australia v. Uruguay at Melbourne Sports and Entertainment Centre; Costa Rica v. Mexico, Argentina v. Spain at Beaton Park Stadium, Wollongong.

**October 23:** Uruguay v. Italy, Hungary v. Australia at Melbourne Sports and Entertainment Centre; Argentina v. Mexico, Spain v. Costa Rica at Wollongong; Paraguay v. Portugal, Canada v. England at Moe; Czechoslovakia v. Japan, Brazil v. USA at Canberra.

**October 24:** Uruguay v. Hungary at Melbourne Sports and Entertainment Centre; Portugal v. Canada, Paraguay v. England at Moe.

The top two teams will advance to a Round Robin Second Round to be played at the Melbourne Sports and Entertainment Centre and The Arena in Geelong from October 25 to 27.

The semi-finals will be played on Saturday October 29 and the final on October 30th both at the Melbourne Sports and Entertainment Centre.

By  
**LAURIE SCHWAB**  
of The Age



**The Australian Squad is,** goalkeepers: Lucky Inturrisi (Melb. Buffaloes), Craig Carlisle (Syd. Tornados), Bruce Thurlow (WIN TV Warriors, Wollongong); players: Boris and Zoran Atanasovski (last year with Perth Cougars who have dropped out of the NSL), Colin Simpson, Richie Barnard (Brisbane Bombers), Erkin and Erjan Osman, Robbie Noggler (Parramatta Spartans), Robbie Stuart, Steve Knight, Charlie Akkary, Glen Jeffery (Syd. Tornados), Radovan Filipovic, (White Eagles Fairfield).

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**McGARRY A BIG THREAT**  
Having lost to the Socceroos only once in their past four games, not counting the first leg of the 1988 Trans Tasman series in Dunedin last night (Wednesday), New Zealand has reason to feel confident about the return clash in Bendigo on Sunday.

The Kiwis won the 1987 Trans-Tasman series drawing 1-1 in Melbourne and winning 1-0 in Wellington. In the Olympic Games qualifying series this year, Australia won 3-1 at the Sydney Football Stadium, with the return game in Auckland ending in a 1-1 draw.

Midfielder Mike McGarry, 23, is the key man in the Kiwis' midfield. He has not looked back since 1985 when he was NZ Young Player of the Year, Otago Player of the Year, and Dunedin City Player of the Year.

Garry Lund, who made his NZ debut against Saudi Arabia in Melbourne before the Bicentennial Gold Cup, is only 22 and shapes as a top-class stopper while up front Marconi's Fred de Jong and Billy Wright form a deadly combination. Wright played in England for Burnley, in Cyprus for Kureynos and in Eire for Dundalk.

Watch Darren McClelland. He was NZ's best player in the World Youth Championship qualifying series in Sydney a few years ago and is developing into a talented senior international. He plays wide in midfield and is lightning fast.

Declan Edge has excellent skill but appears to lack a little of the physical toughness sought by coach Kevin Fallon. The opposite is true of Sydney Olympic's Robert Ironside who is as tough as they come in midfield.

But the Kiwis' most important man is goalkeeper Clint Gosling of Sydney Olympic who has been probably the best goalkeeper in the NSL this year.

Others in the squad are: Richard Mulligan, Ricki Herbert, Malcolm Dunford, Danny Halligan, Tony Ferris, John Hanson, Chris Riley and Alan Stroud.

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**IVAN RAZNJEVIC NEW MELBOURNE CROATIA COACH**  
Ivan Raznjevic is expected to arrive from the USA within two weeks to take over as coach of Melbourne Croatia.

Raznjevic, 46, was born in Croatia and played in the Croatian first division before moving to the USA where he coached Mire Eagles to 35 successive wins, had charge of the Vancouver professional club and coached the Washington State team. He also has worked for various federation and academies as a developmental coach.

## HOW DENNIS McLEOD CHEATED DEATH

**THEY don't come much tougher than Dennis McLeod, as his close friends and acquaintances will readily admit.**

According to Danny McMinimee, his coach at Frankston Pines, Dennis is lucky to be alive and his doctor said he would never play soccer again.

But the quiet, smiling, slightly built defender has more than a little Scottish obstinacy in his character.

To start at the beginning, McLeod suffered horrific injuries when he tumbled off the roof of a two-story house while attaching a television antenna and landed on a pile of rubble.

His jaw was smashed and re-located around the side of his head, one arm was broken and there was other bone damage to his back and hips.

For all the world, his career was over there and then — after only six games for his new club in the two Victorian League first division.

That was around seven months ago. Two months ago he played for the reserves in the first of his come-back games completely against the expectations of everyone at pines.

So pleased is he and McMinimee that he is now talking about winning back a place in the first team now that it has won promotion to the State League.

"It's unbelievable that anyone could come back so quickly after what happened to Dennis," says an obviously amazed McMinimee.

"But there is something about the man. I suppose that deep down we all expected him to give it a try."

McLeod smiles broadly when asked about his traumatic times. "I don't really remember too much about what happened, except falling," he says. "But it's not the falling that hurts, is it, it's the landing."

"One thing I always kept saying to myself in hospital was that I was not going to allow this to end my career. I love playing too much for that and it is not in my nature to give in easily." Under the circumstances, no one could say he was taking the easy way out if he had decided to quit. Even now he still has regular sessions with a physiotherapist and still feels the effects of his fall on his arm and back.

But the jaw is back in its usual place and is getting plenty of exercise. It was broken once before when he played for Sunderland in England and that kept him out of action for a month.

McLeod takes all these set-backs in his stride. "I enjoyed playing with the young players in the reserves. I felt I was able to help them a bit and it is not as physical as playing in the first team," he said.

But obviously I want to be in the first team when we start playing in the State League. That is what I am working towards now." McMinimee has no doubts at all that McLeod, who will soon be 30, will force his way back into the running as good as new next season.

"How can you do it," he asks. "He has already performed a miracle."

"I will never forget what he looked like when I first visited him in hospital. I thought he was lucky to be alive after I heard what had happened."

"Dennis isn't a well-built lad. He is slim and light and because of his jaw injury he was unable to eat solid foods. Later, when he asked me for a game, I just didn't want to risk him. But I gave in after a lot of thought and told the reserves coach to give him ten minutes or so to

By  
**BOB BRIAN**  
of the Melbourne Herald



see how he went. Well, he played the whole game and it has been a case of improvement every week.

"I can honestly say I have never seen a player return from the kind of injuries Dennis had, but there is no one happier than me that he has."

"His determination and aggression is an example to every player at the club — every player in the game in fact. He is living proof of what can be achieved when you put your mind to it."

"Frankly I can't wait for him to get 100 per cent fit again."

McLeod can't wait either. "I know I have to be patient, but I am getting stronger all the time."

Until the big day comes, McLeod has made one concession to his injuries. He has given up the antenna business and now has an infinitely safer job as a company representative.

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# INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

**THERE were certainly moments of high drama in the first round of the inaugural Top Four challenge.**

Flamingo certainly lived, and died, dangerously, savouring first the sweets of success and, at the last, the bitterness of defeat. Having withstood the might of Thomastown United for a nil-all scoreline at full time, the Flamingos, despite missing their first attempt, eventually got the better of the "Penalty Shootout" to run out winners of the 3rd vs. 4th clash, 4-3.

The drama did not end there. A long delay while help was obtained for a player who broke his leg in the run-up match meant that the venue needed to be changed, and in fading light the Flamingos and Rowville met to decide which of the two would go through to next week's Finals. This was a crackjack match, with the Flamingos generally having a clear territorial advantage.

Ten minutes before the end, a violent rainstorm sent subs, supporters and spectators in general diving for cover. Nothing daunted, the two teams soldiered on.

There were two minutes to go, and another contest from the Penalty Spot seemed inevitable. Then Rowville struck, scoring twice in the space of 50 seconds. So, with sad dreams of what might have been and soaking feathers, the Flamingos bowed out.

On the day, all the champions but one made it straight through to the Final Round on October 16th. Middle Park overcame a determined Hampton Park United, 2-1; Windsor snuck in 1-0 from Rowville United; Dallas United hammered Keeley Kings 8-0; Tottenham downed Altona Heights, by courtesy of a missed penalty, 2-1; and

Flemington Florida had a free ride through when RAAF College forfeited. Division 2M Champion, Fibremakers

United, was the one exception. With its players downcast from the previous week's Cup loss, and suffering the ennu of a long season, it was unable to field a full side and was destroyed 8-1 by Montrose, and did not present for its second match.

Middle Park led the charge with its usual machine-like precision going to a 2-0 lead against Hampton Park by half-time. Although Hampton Park pulled one back through a blinding dead ball kick in the second half, the result was inevitable and the League Champions are now in the position to take out yet another award for the 1988 season.

The First Division 3rd vs. 4th match saw St Albans Dynamo rather surprisingly white-wash Altona Ilinden 2-0, but

## TOP FOUR - TOP DRAMA

The worst was yet to come. The challenge between Hampton Park United and St Albans Dynamo was marred first by a very bad injury (a leg broken in two places) to a Hampton Park player, and shortly after the resumption by an all-in fracas, which lead to the abandonment of this match.

Division 2A, true to form, featured the tensest match of the day. Champions, Windsor, were forced to struggle all the way before downing Rowville United 1-0.

The Flamingo-Thomastown United match was, as we have mentioned, resolved from the Penalty Spot, and the challenge match between Flamingo and Rowville United went right down to the line before Rowville made it through to the Finals.

Division 2M was the big disappointment, with Fibremakers United unable to compete in strength; but Coomora Spiders' fighting win over Youth United took this exciting young team to the Finals.

In 3 East, the surprise was not that Dallas United won, but the ease with which it accounted for Keeley Kings, who had held out to the end in their last League encounter.

The Kings were made to look more like commoners, as Dallas ruthlessly and expertly tore them to pieces. The final 8-0 scoreline certainly makes the Dallas combination a firm favourite for the Top Four title.

The encounter between the third and fourth placed teams resulted in a comfortable win for Essendon Tramways, but the Trammies were not able to maintain that form when they later played Keeley Kings to decide the second Finals berth.

The Kings, somewhere back near their regal best, ran out winners 3-0, and must now settle down to some intense homework if they are to mix it effectively with the Dallas Destroyers next week.

Division 3 West matches also ran true to form.

With Tottenham downing Altona Heights 2-1, and St Albans Wanderers knocking out Keilor Old Boys by the same score. The play-off between Altona Heights and St Albans Wanderers might have been expected to go the way of the Heights.

It was not to be. After missing a first half Penalty (their second miss of the day), the Altona players lost all rhythm and teamwork, and were duly punished by the Wanderers who made it to the Finals with a clear-cut 2-0 victory.

Division Four was a total disappointment. Neither RAAF College nor Salesian College was able to participate, resulting in an unfettered run to the Finals for Flemington Florida and Preston Tramways.

On the whole, however, this was a very good day, and large and enthusiastic crowds at both venues thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The more densely packed fans at Middle Park Soccer Club's pitch were certainly in good voice. Their cheers when a goal was scored, and their groans when one was missed, being clearly audible half a kilometre away.

The organisation and catering by the Middle Park Soccer Club and the ANZ Bank Soccer Club were also first class. So who will win the Finals?

In First Division, Middle Park is capable of beating all-comers, and must be a clear favorite. Windsor should win in 2A, but this is such a close and competitive Division it would be no surprise if Rowville were to get up. Division 2M is also wide open.

Montrose finished higher up the table than Coomora Spiders, but the Spiders are a very keen and disciplined lot, and could well spring a surprise.

Dallas United has already got half way through its celebratory champagne, but can Keeley Kings spring the surprise of the century and turn the tables on its talented opponents?

**Tottenham should win in 3 West, but St Albans Wanderers is not to be taken lightly.**

while in Division 4 Flemington Florida should maintain its ascendancy over Preston Tramways.

Whatever the outcome, there will certainly be some exciting encounters and a feast of good soccer for all those who come to Albert Park next Sunday.

## INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE Top Four Competition Qualifying Round Results DIVISION ONE

MIDDLE PARK 2 HAMPTON PK UN. 1  
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HAMPTON PK. UN.-ST ALBANS DYN. (abandoned)

**DIVISION TWO A**  
WINDSOR 1 ROWVILLE UN. 0  
FLAMINGO (pen) 4 THOMASTOWN UN. (pen) 3

**DIVISION TWO M**  
ROWVILLE UN. 2 LFAMINGO 0  
MONTROSE 8 FIBREMAKERS UN. 1  
COOMERA SPIDERS 1 YOUTH UN. 0  
COOMOORA SPID.-FIBREM. UN. w/o to Coomera Spiders

**DIVISION THREE E**  
DALLAS UN. 8 KEELEY KINGS 0  
ESSENDON TRAMW. 3 LAMINEX 1  
KEELEY KINGS 3 ESS. TRAMWAYS 0

**DIVISION THREE W**  
TOTTENHAM 2 ALTONA HEIGHTS 1  
ST ALBANS WAND. 2 KEILOR OLD B. 1  
ST ALBANS WAND. 2 ALTONA HEIGHTS 0

**DIVISION FOUR**  
FLEM. FLORIDIA - RAAF COLLEGE w/o to Flemington Florida  
PRESTON TRAMWAYS-SALESIAN CO. O.B. W/o to Preston Trams

## Top Four Competition 1988 FINALS PROGRAMME 16th OCTOBER 1988

**A. At Middle Park Soccer Club Pitch - 10.30am TOTTENHAM v ST ALBANS WANDERERS**

**12.30pm DALLAS UN. vs KEELEY KINGS**

**2.30pm MIDDLE PARK vs T.B.A.**

**B. At ANZ Bank Soccer Club Pitch - 10.30am FLEMINGTON FLOR. vs PRES. TRAMWAYS**

**12.30pm MONTROSE vs COOMOORA SPIDERS**

**2.30pm WINDSOR vs ROWV. UNITED**

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# 1988 ... A MEMORABLE YEAR

By BRIAN JAMES

1988 was always going to be a date that would be remembered forever in Victorian soccer, if only for the fact that it was the year of the Bicentennial Gold Cup.

The concept of bringing all the previous World Cup winners to Australia to play in a commemorative Gold Cup was a bold and exciting one that had us all in a fever of anticipation for eighteen months or so.

Even the news that the three European winners, England, West Germany and Italy would be unable to take part because of the clash of seasons scarcely dampened the enthusiasm... after all it still left current World Cup-holder Argentina and triple World Cup-winner Brazil in the field, and the prospect of having just those two giants helping to celebrate our Bicentenary was enough to keep us agog for months.

And the Gold Cup apart, we had the Olympic qualifying series against our perennial old foes Israel and New Zealand plus Chinese Taipei to occupy our minds.

The prize for winning the qualifying series was a place in the last sixteen in the Seoul Olympic Games... another mouth-watering prospect!

But alluring as these exotic events might prove to be, it was the local domestic scene that in the long run was to make the biggest impact.

1988 will go down in Victorian soccer history as equalling 1963 for the profound effect it had on the future of the game.

Little did most Victorian clubs realise how much the structure of the various Leagues was going to change when they elected Jack Reilly as VSF Chairman to replace Michael Weinstein at the 1986 Annual General Meeting.

Reilly was elected after making a fiery speech in which he attacked previous administrations, accusing them of being too conservative and promising that under his administration there would be sweeping changes for the better.

Most delegates to that historic AGM probably went away and thought no more about it, but Reilly set the wheels in motion and soon there were forward planning committees looking into every aspect of the VSF's structure and eventually reporting back to the VSF.

Along with other reforms, the planning committees' main recommendation was that the unwieldy structure of the VSF should be streamlined by reducing all the divisions of the State, Victorian and Provisional Leagues to twelve clubs each.

The VSF Board of Management accepted the recommendations late in 1987, to come into effect in the 1989 season, but most clubs seemed blithely unaware how sweeping the transformation was going to



A happy South with the Buffalo Cup.

However, we are getting just ahead of our story, let's see how the season unfolded.

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**SOUTH MELBOURNE PLUMPS FOR YOUTH**  
JANUARY: The NSL season kicks off early, to accommodate the ASF's international commitments and South Melbourne provides the first big talking point of the game as its coach, Brian Garvey dumps seven senior players.

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**BUFFALO CUP TO GARVEY'S BABES**  
FEBRUARY: The young South Melbourne team has already been dubbed "Garvey's Babes" by the media which is almost unanimously predicting that South's 1988 campaign will be a disaster.

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These youngsters can do the job now, but wait until the heavy pitches come along in winter," is

Crainie and Richard Miranda and backed by his committee, says he is plumping for youth.

Victoria's year starts badly as it is thrashed 6-0 at Olympic Park by visiting Yugoslav club team Dinamo Zagreb.

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The usual comment in the press. The pundits' gloomy prognostications seem to be bearing fruit, too, as South fails to gain a win in its first three games. Three points from three

games is a disappointing start, but it all comes right on a warm February night before an enthusiastic crowd of over 8000 at Olympic Park, as South beats Preston 3-1 in a drama-packed Buffalo Cup-Final.

The stars in the win are Paul Trimball, signed in the close season from George Cross and the recruits from the AIS, David Healy and Paul Foster.

South draws its next game 1-1, with Footscray, but ends the month on a high note, defeating Marconi 3-0.

There's uproar in the VSF, as Chairman Jack Reilly quits after quarrelling heatedly with NSL Chairman Sam

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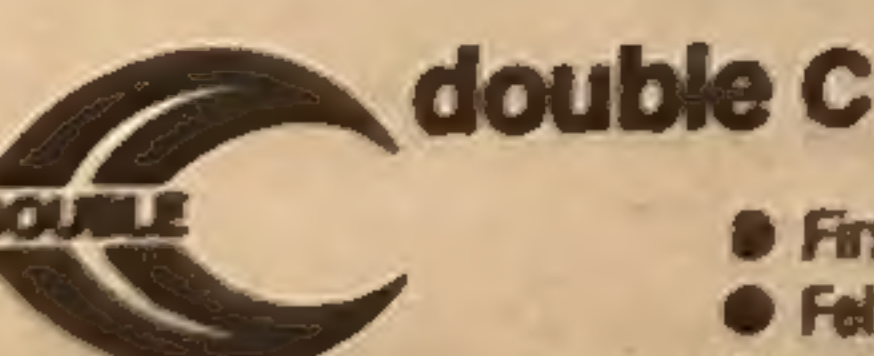
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● Paul Trimboli

playing Springvale City on the new synthetic pitch at Olympic Park's No.2 ground.

Neither club is happy and it seems Olympic No.2 is destined to remain a training pitch as far as soccer is concerned.

Australia takes a giant stride towards the Olympics as it beats Israel 2-0 in the first of the qualifying games at Olympic Park.

Captain Charlie Yankos from the penalty spot and Frank Farina are the scorers. In the other game of the double-header, New Zealand is unconvincing as it struggles to a 1-0 win over galling Chinese Taipei.

Australia beats Chinese Taipei 3-2 in Adelaide and then New Zealand 3-1 in Sydney to take an iron grip on the Olympic qualifying series.

Israel beats New Zealand 2-0 in Adelaide and Chinese Taipei 5-1 in Sydney.

It appears that only Israel can now stop Australia's march to Seoul. The decisive match, between Israel and Australia is drawn, and Australia goes on to beat Chinese Taipei again and win the qualifying series by one point from Israel.

Australia has qualified for Seoul but the result is almost overshadowed by the uproar that follows the



● Frank McAleer

sending-off of its rugged central defender Garry McDowall for allegedly stamping on an Israeli players head.

McDowall subsequently is punished with what Frank Arok calls the heaviest fine ever... said to be \$1500.

On the domestic front Fawcner earns itself some dubious fame by sacking coach Frank McAleer... after only two rounds of the State League competition.

The panic move is prompted by the fact that under Reilly's sweeping



● Garry McDowall

moves to reform the Leagues, the bottom six State League clubs will be relegated at the end of this season.

Mike Lynn takes over at Fawcner from McAleer.

Fawcner is not the only club in turmoil either. NSL club Preston Makedonia, winless after the first eight rounds of competition and with only one goal to its credit, is poised to dump coach Ernie Merrick.

Wollongong City still leads the way in the NSL and in the State League it's a neck and neck affair between favourite Heidelberg and this year's surprise packet, Northcote City.

Northcote, after narrowly avoiding relegation last year is revitalised under the shrewd direction of Roy McLaren.

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**KAMASZ QUILTS — MERRICK SACKED**  
**APRIL: Preston sacks Ernie Merrick and appoints Ron Campbell as interim player-coach.**

Campbell gets off to an encouraging start too, holding Sunshine George Cross to a 1-1 draw away from home.

Midfielder John Stewart's goal is only the second Preston has scored in the first nine rounds.

NSL Executive Director Stefan Kamasz drops a bombshell by announcing his resignation.

Kamasz who has guided the fortunes of the NSL for five years says he is quitting to devote more



● Scott Frazer



● Ron Campbell

time to his public relations business.

Apparently the NSL has no plans to replace Kamasz immediately. 'Garvey's Babes' justify their coaches faith



● Frank Farina



● Ernie Merrick.

Papasavas and other NSL top brass.

The cause of the dispute is a 'Soccer Star' interview with Reilly in which he describes the NSL as a \$80 million disaster.

Reilly isn't the only soccer official disenchanted with the NSL. Lew Yoanides, newly appointed president of relegated Heidelberg tells colleague Les Shorrock in another 'Soccer Star' interview that the NSL is a "Mickey Mouse" league and that getting relegated from it was the "salvation of the club".

The month ends with newcomer Wollongong City surprisingly topping the NSL table and fancied Adelaide City at the foot.

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**UPROAR IN CHRISTCHURCH AS SOCCEROOS QUALIFY**

**MARCH: Jack Reilly withdraws his resignation and decides to stay on as VSF Chairman.**

The State League breaks new ground as Caulfield City kicks off its State League season by



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● Stefan Kamasz  
● John Markovski



● Brian Brown in happier days

in them by overtaking Wollongong City after a good 3-1 win over Sydney Croatia away from home.

The ASF's World Cup committee hands out a second punishment to Garry McDowall by banning him from the national squad until September.

Not only does this bar McDowall from playing in the Olympics, but it also probably means the end of his international career.

Another unhappy player is Scott Fraser, dropped by Heidelberg and put on the transfer list because of pressure from Heidelberg supporters.

It was the improper transfer of Fraser from Green Gully in the 1987 season that led to Heidelberg's losing three points and subsequently being relegated.

The supporters have since vented their wrath on the player, instead of on the real culprits, the previous committee. It isn't all bad news though.

Victoria's Youth team covered itself in glory by retaining its National Championship title in Sydney, with George Cross' John Markovski scoring four times in the final against South Australia, bringing his tally for the championship to seven.

Brunswick Juventus sinks to the bottom of the NSL ladder and coach Len McKendry pays the



penalty, becoming the second coaching casualty of the season.

Juventus follows the Preston pattern, appointing captain Brian Brown caretaker-coach whilst it looks around for a replacement.

As the month ends, Wollongong regains top spot, South slips back to fourth, whilst George Cross, making a bold bid for a final five place is in third place.

In the State League, Northcote loses for the first time and Heidelberg takes over again, albeit on goal difference.

**MAY: Another top official quits. ASF Executive Director Brian Emery says he's sick and tired of soccer politics and will quit his job immediately.**

Later he decides to delay his departure until July 29th, the date of the Annual General Meeting when ASF President Sir Arthur George is also due to step down.

Emery took over as chief executive in 1982 when Brian Lefevre had to retire after losing an eye in a car accident.

Australia's leading referee, Chris Bambridge of Victoria is chosen by FIFA to referee in the Seoul Olympics.

Desperate Juventus flies in Manfred Schaefer from Sydney in a last ditch attempt to stave off its seemingly inevitable relegation.

The next day Schaefer sees his new charges lose 4-1 to Footscray, but remains optimistic about the Black and Whites' chances.

Victoria, competing in a Super Six tournament in Brisbane defeats Arsenal 2-1 and draws 2-2 with eventual winner

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● Argentina's Daniel Batista clears from Brazil's Souza.

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Despite inclement weather, 10,300 turn out on a Wednesday night to see Brazil defeat Australia 1-0.

Four days later, 13,000 see Brazil and Argentina draw 0-0 in what was arguably the most important match played in Australia since Scotland met Australia in the World Cup in 1985.

Disappointingly, the Olympic Park pitch, once lauded as the best in Aus-

tralia is in a shocking condition but despite the adverse conditions both

teams manage to turn on some fabulous soccer.

Thursday July 14 becomes a red-letter in the Australian soccer calendar.

In a result that stuns the soccer world, Australia thrashes World champion Argentina 4-1 at the Sydney Football Stadium.

South Melbourne's Paul Wade opens the floodgates with a fourth-minute goal, then Socceroo captain Charlie Yankos scores from out-

side the penalty area with a thunderous free-kick that is destined to be talked about for years.

The irony of that free-kick is that Yankos was taking the free-kicks in place of the injured Oscar Crino!

The win over Argentina sets up a mouth-watering Gold Cup final between Australia and Brazil.

The game sets a new attendance record for the Sydney Football Stadium of 28,161.

Brazil wins 2-0, thanks mainly to the magic of Romario Farias, but the

crowd stays to the end to give the Socceroos a standing ovation.

The game doesn't lack incident and referee Don Campbell's handling is superb. He sends off Brazilian full-back Jorginho after he rugby-tackles Scott Ollershaw just outside the penalty area when the latter is hell-bent for goal.

The ASF Annual Meeting produces a boomer in the election to replace retiring President, Sir Arthur George.

Three candidates stand for the new position of

ASF Chairman, but neither John Constantine of NSW nor Jack Reilly of Victoria is the winner.

In a cynical display of mistrust between the two biggest States, the winner on a second ballot is Ian Brusasco of Queensland.

Retiring Executive Director Brian Emery is replaced by Queensland's Alan Vessey, a move which is not unexpected.

On the domestic front, another State League coach, Rocce Ille of Caulfield City is sacked and

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● Manfred Schaefer



**JUNE: Preston Makedonia brings in a new coach, Andon Donceviski from Yugoslavia, and like Manfred Schaefer last month, Donceviski is forced to watch his new team thrashed 4-1 by Melbourne Croatia.**

Two more coaches bite the dust as Mike Lynn of Fawkner and Jimmy Condilis of Western Suburbs both quit.

Nottingham Forest before finishing fourth.

The burgeoning Industrial League shows commendable enterprise and lands a \$10,000 sponsorship from Mansfield Bunney and Associates.

Mr Justice Nathan shocks Preston Makedonia when he hands down a decision in the Supreme Court saying that the Club's use of Connor Reserve is in breach of the land's zoning conditions.

However, club solicitor John Branov says he is "quietly confident" the problem can be solved and Preston will be allowed to stay at Conno Reserve.



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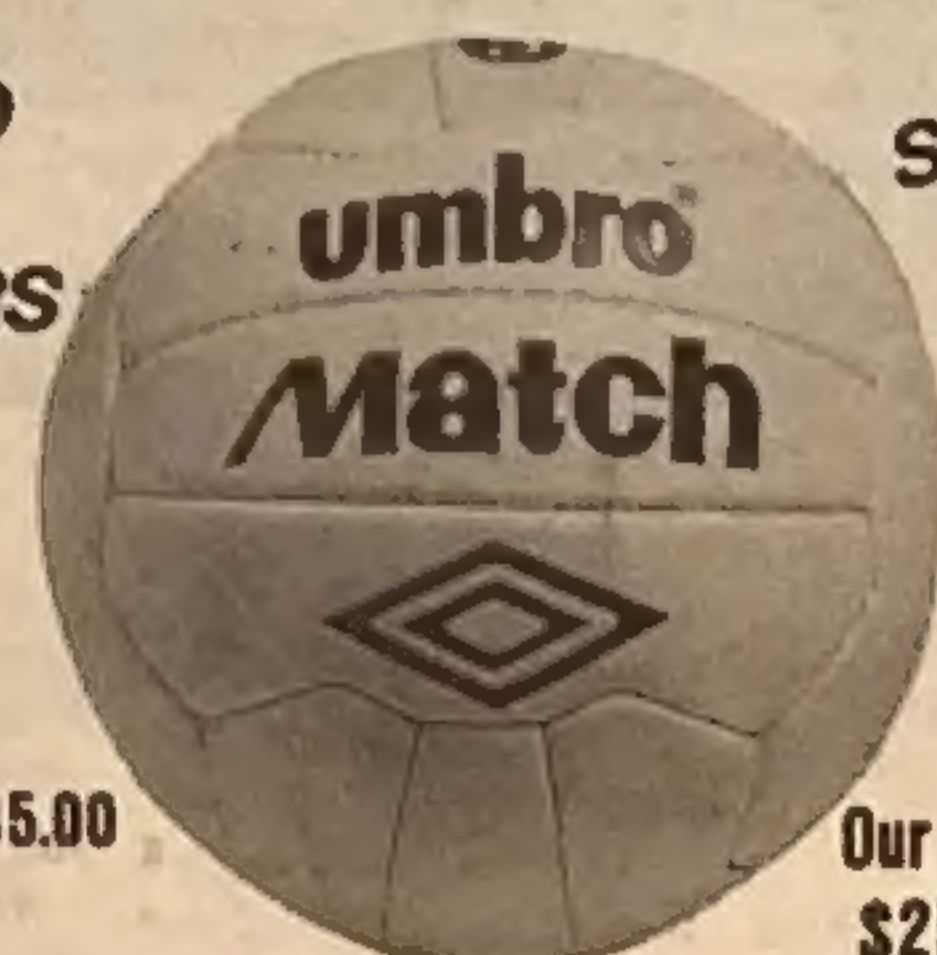
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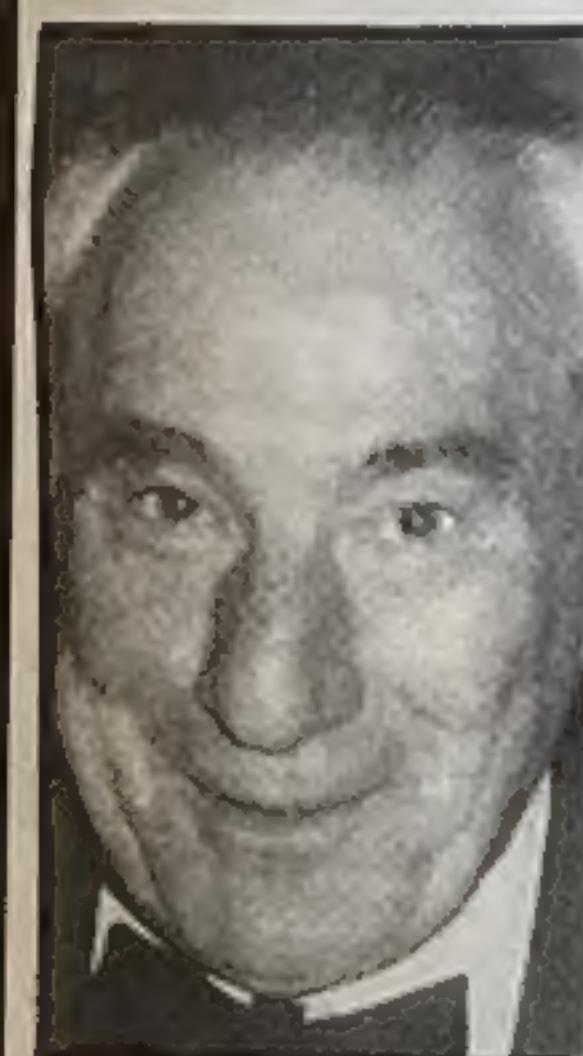
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• Argentinian Diaz robs Brazil's Mueller.

replaced by Jimmy will be relegated from the State League.

As the coaching merry-go-round gains momentum, Kaz Kulak has replaced Conditis at Western Suburbs and is lifting them up the ladder.



• Ian Brusasco

Fawcner sees the light and re-appoints Frank McAleer, but is it too late? It is too late for another Italian-backed club, though.

Despite all Manfred Schaefer's best efforts, Juventus loses its brave fight to stay in the NSL as it is soundly beaten by fellow struggler Preston Makedonia 4-0.

With one round left to play, Juventus is four points behind Preston and goes down in company with Brisbane Lions.

This means that if the winner of the State League fails in the play-offs for NSL promotion, or elects not to play-off, seven and not six clubs

At month's end, South Melbourne leads the NSL ladder by one point from Wollongong with one round to play.

Heidelberg leads the State League by one point from St Albans and Thomastown, but a big back-log of postponed games rather obscures the championship issue.

A momentous month for Victorian soccer is somewhat soured by an assault on referee Jim Fearn by former Soccerroo Peter Ollerton.

Ollerton is subsequently banned from any soccer activity world-wide for ten years.

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AUGUST: South Melbourne's hopes of winning the NSL championship nose-dive as it surprisingly loses in Adelaide to a City team fired up for a farewell to its captain, Buggy Nyskohus.

Nyskohus retires having set a new NSL appearance record of 294 games for Adelaide City.

South's loss relegates it to third place on the ladder, and George Cross also is disappointed, missing out on the final five series on goal difference.

South has to travel to

Sydney to meet Croatia in the preliminary semi-final, which it loses 2-1.

Then it meets Marconi on another Olympic Park glue-pot of a pitch in as bad a day as even Melbourne can turn on and goes down 2-1 in extra time.

Ironically, the team dubbed "Garvey's Babes", after performing far beyond expectations stumbles at the final hurdle, choosing the wrong end of the season to lose three games in succession.

But at least it has the Buffalo Cup for consolation.

That consolation is

denied relegated Juventus which loses the Beach Cup-final to APIA Leichhardt in a drab affair watched by a mere handful of spectators at Marconi Stadium.

After a full-time score of 0-0 the game is settled 5-3 on penalties, leaving Victoria empty-handed as far as NSL honours are concerned.

The State League title race hots up as Thomastown takes over from Heidelberg with four rounds left to play.

The pressure obviously gets to the Heidelberg committee, chafing as its team dawdles to the post. Coach Terry Hennessy



• Buggy Nyskohus



• Ian Wallace



• Jimmy Rooney

becomes the latest casualty, as Heidelberg sacks him and appoints ex-Soccerroo Jim Tansey, assistant coach of Croydon City, in his place.

Sacking the coach when your team is supposedly flat out for the title might seem daft enough, but Bulleen manages to top It sacks its coach,

another famous ex-Soccerroo Jimmy Rooney a week later, and it is facing relegation! In his place it appoints ex-Footscray star Zravko Lujic who has

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been burning since arriving at the club early in the season.

A big row is brewing in the VSF over the staging of the main rounds of the Dockerty Cup.

The Melbourne NSL clubs want the competition to be played at the end of November, when their squads resume training.

The State League clubs left in the Cup object, saying they cannot afford to pay players for another six weeks' inactivity.

Ian Brusasco, after his first ASF meeting as Chairman, states bluntly that the NSL in its present format is doomed to fail.

In his opinion, only franchising will save the NSL club's but he doesn't bother to explain what

that entails.

However, one club in Melbourne seizes the bull by the horns and becomes "privatized". As Footscray is taken over by a syndicate of six businessmen with big plans to build new premises at infamous Schindler Reserve.

And yet another coach is at loggerheads with his club.

This time it is Melbourne Croatia's Ian Wallace, who confronts the club committee after reading in the newspapers that he has been sacked.

Club officials deny the rumours and say no decision on his future can be made until the club's AGM, a month hence.

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**SEPTEMBER: Marconi wins the NSL Championship beating Sydney Croatia in the Grand Final 5-1 on penalties after a regular-time score of 2-2.**

The match is notable for the fact that Marconi captain Tony Henderson not only scores the winning penalty, but also breaks Buggy Nyskohus' recently established NSL appearance record by playing his 295th and last game.

Victorian disappointment at finishing empty-handed as far as club honours go is a little eased as Victorians make a virtual clean sweep of the NSL individual honours. South Melbourne's Paul Wade deservedly wins the Rothmans Medal, team-mate Paul Trimboli the Under 21 award and their coach Brian Garvey makes it a treble by winning the Coach of the Year award.

And Chris Bambridge becomes the first Victorian referee to be voted Referee of the Year.

Now attention switches to the Seoul Olympics, with Victorians keenly interested in the fortunes of not only the Socceroos, but the seven Melbourne players in the team.

They are Jeff Olver, Robbie Dunn, Oscar Crino, Alan Davidson, Mike Petersen, Paul Wade and Vlado Bozinovski.

Wally Savor of Sydney Croatia breaks down with a knee injury, fails to get fit and his place is taken at the eleventh hour by another Melbourne player, Footscray's Gary Van Egmond.

September 17 is another proud day to be etched forever in the

Australian soccer calendar.

The amazing Socceroos defeat Los Angeles Games bronze medalist Yugoslavia 1-0 in yet another stunning upset.

Upset or not, the score flatters Yugoslavia for besides Frank Farina's winner, the usually reliable Charlie Yankos misses a penalty and both David Mitchell and Vlado Bozinovski are guilty of glaring misses.

But Brazil brings us back to earth by beating the Socceroos once again, and once again, it's that dynamic Romario who does the damage.

This time he scores all three goals, despite the fact that Jeff Olver saves a penalty of his.

Frank Arok is undisputed, and has nothing but unstinting praise for Romario. Describing the Brazilian as one of the best three players in the world Arok says "the little bastard's too quick and strong."

"Whenever Brazil wins, it is Romario, always Romario".

The Socceroos bounce



• Paul Wade

back from that defeat to beat Nigeria by 1-0, with veteran John Kosmina scoring a stunning individual goal.

Nothing goes right as the Australians concede two penalties, but they leave the Olympics with heads held high.

So the Socceroos reach the quarter-finals, but go down 3-0 to a mighty USSR team.

As Jeff Olver says afterwards, "the Russians were incredibly fit, as the game went on they

seemed to get stronger and stronger."

Although the Aussies finish an official fifth, morally they feel they have earned third place as the two teams who beat them battle out the Olympic final.

Back on the home front, Heidelberg clinches the State League title with one round to play as it beats Box Hill 2-0.

That result dooms Box Hill to relegation.

Also to drop are Springvale City, Maribyrnong, Fawkner, Western Suburbs and Oakleigh.

But seventh-bottom club Morwell Falcons will be relieved if Heidelberg beats Brisbane City in the two-legged NSL playoff.

The month ends with the Bill Fleming Award dinner.

St Albans' Ivan Duzel wins the Fleming Medal, his team-mate Ivan Kelic is the State League top goalscorer with 17 goals, Victorian Referee of the Year is Chris Bambridge and Victorian Coach of the Year is South's Brian Garvey.

In the Victorian Under/21 Player of the Year Award, Sunshine George Cross' John Markovski pipes the NSL winner, Paul Trimboli.



• Mike Antolos, Croydon President & State League sponsor, with Goran Runje and Graham French.

**OCTOBER: As the full import of the promotion and relegation scheme begins to sink in, resentment grows amongst clubs in the VSF's lower divisions.**

One club, Victorian League First Division Nunawading City calls a

meeting which is attended by an estimated 60 clubs all of whom face a drop in status next year.

Resentment is growing in another area too as State League clubs deplore the decision to defer the Dockerty Cup to suit the NSL clubs.

The VSF Fixtures Committee decides to hold the main rounds of the

Cup in the last three weeks in November.

One club, Morwell Falcons, pulls out of the Cup, as a matter of principle but changes its mind when appealed to by the VSF.

October is not a good month for the VSF, with the Rothmans Medal night turning into a fiasco when Executive Director George Wallace has to

announce that winner Martin Woodall is not present at the Medal count.

Croydon City ends its season on a high note by winning the State League Cup. It beats holder Green Gully 1-0 in the final, with the goal coming from midfielder Greg Brack.

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Scorer: L. Stefanovski

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• Top Row: (Left to Right) C. Rizzo (coach), S. Petrevski, A. Farrugia, C. Manigon, B. Mileski, L. Stefanovski, K. Muscat (captain), D. Agius, O. Trajceviski, D. Adzizovski, S. Agius (manager).

Bottom Row:

(Left to Right) T. Talevski, A. Vella, J. Talevski, M. Hameo, B. Zamic, M. Esposito, G. Svigos, C. Carunana, D. Rios.

### REGENT U/13

• Regent U/13 Northern Champions this year have been very successful, the hard working T/manager M. Sciola and coach P. Taverna has paid off by winning the league.

• FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: T/manager M. Sciola, L. Murdooea, V. Ellice, B. Stojanovic (S. Razzi Captain) M. Fortunato, Coach P. Taverna Sponsor of New Jumpers Cesare Presta.

• BOTTOM: L. Alessi, D. Casabene, A. Colosimo, M. Inguanti, V. Montagnese, A. Tarquini, P. Cilone, R. Jovanovski, missing from photo M. Kikas.



### PROVISIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CHAMPION REGENT

• (SPONSOR TOP RIGHT Mr Santo

lesiano)

• THE TEAM: D. Zamparo, J. Disalvo (Capt), L. Cavdon, S. Sabbidini, W. Finadri, R. Croce, A. Tsomos, M. Sciola, D. Kolar, P. Rocca, V. Tavoraro, F. Sparano, R. Chilico, H. Arhondis. Assistant Coach: J. Barbaro, Team Manager: A. Montagnese.



### REGENT U/15

• Regent U/15 finish off on top spot thanks to the T/manager, M. Annetta and coach P. Iaconis the boys had a fantastic season by winning the championship.

• LEFT: T/Manager M. Annetta — R. Colosimo, J. Catanzariti, M. Iaconis, S. Campus, P. Maragos, Sponsor Mr. Gavino Campus, Coach P. Iaconis. BOTTOM: R. Ferraina, R. Ianciana, P. Cilone, P. Annetta, T. Zappone, C. Gatzopoulos, C. Maragos.



### PLAYERS OVERSEAS

their luck there.  
Wade who are about to try  
Bozanovski and Paul  
Petersen.  
Vlado  
Graham Arnold, Mike  
before you add on Frank  
That makes eleven.  
Ricoy.  
Vic Bozanovic, and Pedro  
Vittori, David Oldfield,  
Anastasiadis, Charlie  
John  
Kalanizis,  
Jim Patikas, Chris  
Mitcheill, Eddie Krmecovic,  
Hristodoulou, Dave  
Tony Donko, Lou

### UNDER 11 WAVERLEY MULGRAVE UNITED







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# ROTHMANS MEDAL 1988 MARTIN WOODALL TRIUMPHS



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## TEAM STATISTICS — SEASON 1988

CLUB	VOTES POLLED	No of players who polled
BOX HILL	95	10
BULLEEN	71	13
CAULFIELD CITY	104	14
CROYDON CITY	92	10
FAWKNER	73	18
GREEN GULLY	101	11
HEIDELBERG UNITED	105	14
MARIBYRNONG POLONIA	80	14
MORWELL FALCONS	89	11
NORTHCOTE CITY	100	13
OAKLEIGH	79	14
RINGWOOD CITY	83	12
SPRINGVALE CITY	93	14
ST. ALBANS	98	10
THOMASTOWN	86	17
WESTERN SUBURBS	91	13



● ASF General Secretary Alan Vessey



## 1988 ROTHMANS GOLD MEDAL — VOTING LIST

VOTES	PLAYER	CLUB
33	M. WOODALL	Northcote City
31	I. DUZEL	St. Albans
28	K. DRAKEFORD	Morwell Falcons
27	G. QUIGLEY	Green Gully
25	D. TUCK	Western Suburbs
24	A. ROODHOUSE	Box Hill
	Z. LUJIC	Bulleen
20	P. HARRIS	Caulfield City
19	S. BRIMMER	Box Hill
	C. FATTOR	Caulfield City
	D. MCINTOSH	Croydon City
18	A. LIVINGSTONE	Oakleigh
	B. CULINA	St. Albans
17	E. BRUNS	Morwell Falcons
16	S. DOUGLAS	Green Gully
	C. GILDER	Northcote City
	J. NIJHOLT	Ringwood City
	A. PENDER	Western Suburbs
15	G. CLARK	Morwell Falcons
	J. CORVAN	Ringwood City
	V. KUPRESAK	St. Albans



● Referees Dennis Voutsinas & John Fraser.



● A happy Morwell Falcons table.

● Caulfield City's merry-makers.



● Ringwood's best Messrs Corvan, Cocker, Nolan, Janssen and Nijholt.

● From Page 1

Postecoglou is arguably the best attacking full-back in the country and most pundits thought he was unlucky to miss the Olympics.

Garry McDowall's return, even though it might have been hastened by the departure of Dunn, is both welcome and overdue.

It indicates that his Christchurch indiscretion, for which he was punished three-fold has now been expunged.

Warren Spink, for whom Frank Arok has a high regard, now has a second to none chance to cement his place and become the Socceroo's main striker.

The squad would have been thinned out even more had Alan Davidson not changed his mind about retiring from international soccer, whilst Charlie Yankos, who originally said he would not have been available has also had a change of heart.

Arok has named a 16 man squad for the two games against New Zealand in Dunedin yesterday (Wednesday) and in Bendigo on Sunday.

His probable line-up would be Oliver-Yankos-Jennings, McDowall, Postecoglou-Davidson, Petersen, Crino, Wade-Arnold, Spink.

That would leave on the bench Michael Gibson Gary van Egmond, Scott Ollerenshaw, Alex Tobin and

Andrew Koczka. Laurie Schwab analyses the New Zealand squad in depth on page 3.



● The Irish connection, Dave Hanna, Gerry Clarke, John Corvan and Roy Walsh.



● Croydon stalwarts Mark Brown, Miron Bleiberg, Mike Antolos, Nick Van Egmond and a sleepy Ian Dobson.



● Joe Docherty and Bob Brian with previous winners John Gardiner ('71 & '72) Paddy Bannon ('74) and Jim McLean ('84).



● Box Hill secretary Ann McPhee, Phil Griffin and Dean Hennessy.



● Three Rothmans winners, Jim McLean ('84), Bobby McGuinness ('85) and Ally Dick ('86) with friends.



● Stephan Mila heads the queue for Ferenc Puskas' autograph.



● What is Bob Brian (right) telling Croydon coach Miron Bleiberg?



● '87 winner Paul Harris hams it up with friends.



## SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS JUNIORS U/13 Victoria Cup Champions 1988 v. Forest Hill League Runners Up. Score 3-2

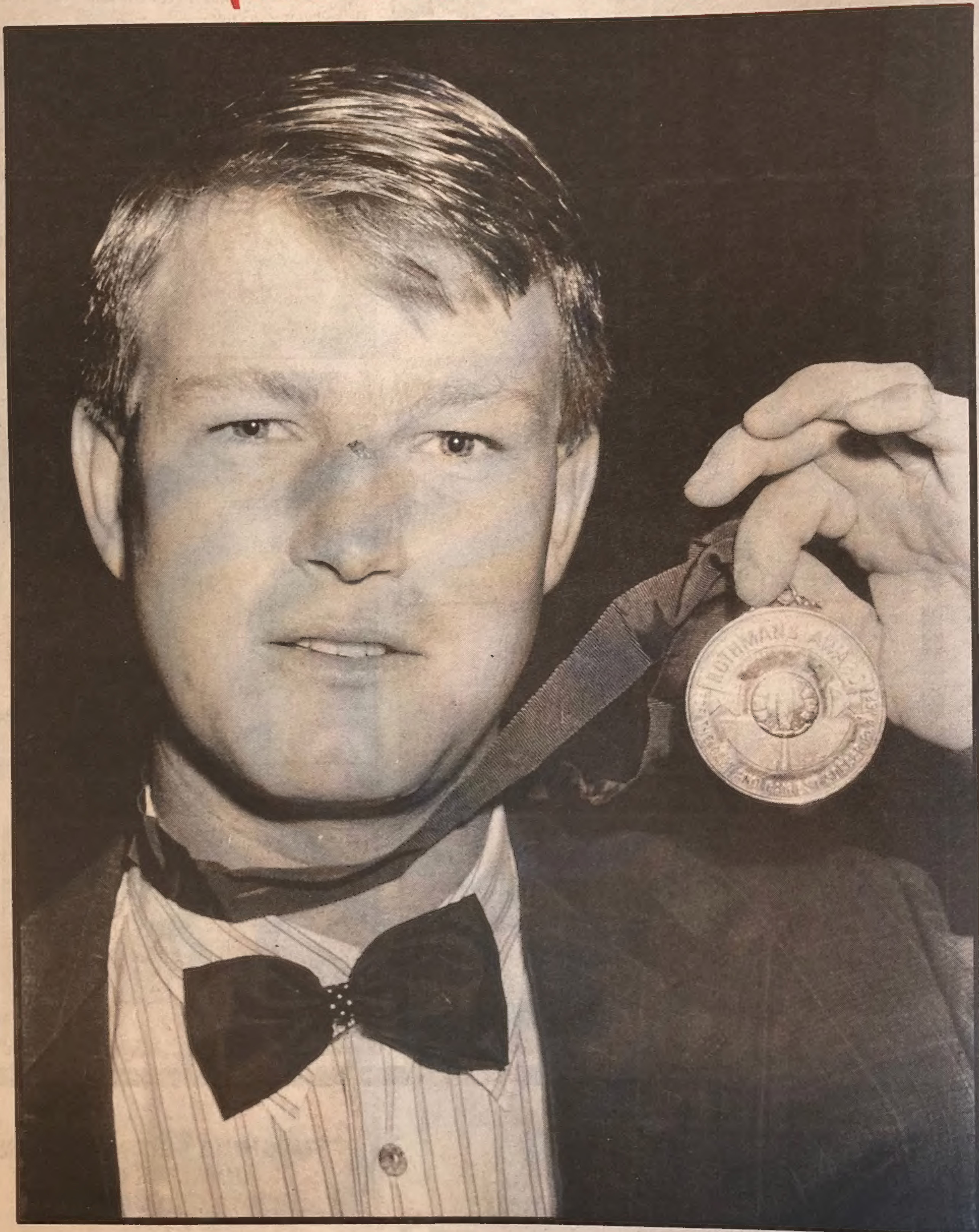
Scorers: J. Zampaglione, D. Theuma, R. Mizzi.  
● Top Row (Left to Right): J. Mizzi (manager), J. Bezzina, H. Lam, J. Sivevski, J. Bajada (G.K.), J. Farrugia (captain), Z. Kostovski, R. Grech, S. Theuma (coach).  
Bottom (sitting) Left to Right: E. Buhagiar, S. Galea, J. Zampaglione, R. Mizzi, S. Nedelkovski, D. Theuma, J. Mercieca.





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**CONGRATULATIONS  
MARTIN WOODALL  
(Northcote City)**



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